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Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/US00/17078, filed on 21 June 2000 and claiming priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/140,417, filed 22 June 99. The US National Phase application is further a continuation-in-part of USSN 09/720,277, which is the US National Phase of PCT/US99/14585, filed 28 June 99 and claiming priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/091,130, filed 29 June, 1998. PCT/US00/17078 received an International Preliminary Examination under PCT Chapter 2 in which claims 1-14 were found to meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).

In his Office action mailed 4 March 04, Examiner indicated that Applicant had provided an invalid PCT number in his priority claim, rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being vague and indefinite, rejected claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,504,890, Sanford, *System for data sharing among independently-operating information-gathering entities with individualized conflict resolution rules,* issued 2 April 1996 (hereinafter "Sanford"), rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Sanford with Forta, et al., *The Coldfusion 4.0 Web Application Construction Kit,* Third Edition, published Dec. 23, 1998 (henceforth "Forta"), and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Sanford with U.S. Patent 5,748,890, Goldberg, et

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al., *Method and system for authenticating and auditing access by a user to non-natively secured applications*, issued 5 May 1998.

Applicants are amending their Specification to properly claim priority from PCT/US99/14585, are amending claim 1 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are adding a new dependent claim 15, and are otherwise traversing Examiner's rejections of the claims. Applicants' response is further accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.